The services of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) have been offered to the States for assisting them in the execution of Rural Electrification Projects as per their willingness and requirement. With a view to augment the implementation capacities for the programme, REC has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with NTPC, POWERGRID, NHPC and DVC to make available CPSUs' project management expertise and capabilities to States wishing to use their services. This is being operationalised through a suitable Tripartite Agreement.

As per 2001 Census, the total number of rural households not having electricity in Uttar Pradesh were 1,65,05,786 (80.16% of the total number of households). Targets for electrification of households during the current and the next year is to be finalized by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Border trade through pangsaung custom gate

3556. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a customs gate namely 'Pangsaung' has been recently operationalised on the Indo-Myanmar border in Arunachal Pradesh for two days only in a month for the purpose of border trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether barter trade is permissible on that gate and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) There is no Land Customs Station or customs gate named 'Pangsaung' in the State of Arunachal Pradesh along the Indo-Myanmar border. However, there is a Land Customs Station at Nampong (Pangsau Pass) in the State of Arunachal Pradesh along the Indo-Myanmar border, which is not operational.

(b) Border trade through Nampong Land Customs Station is not permissible as this Land Customs Station is not a designated customs port for the purpose of items of Article-I of Indo-Myanmar Trade Agreement of 1994.